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TAGS: PFOR, SY, US, XF

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: BEIRUT 1273

1. IT IS NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SEE BOUTROS  
BEFORE SUNDAY ABOUT THE KHADDAM VISIT TO U.S. WE ARE NOT  
PLANNING TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS VISIT BEFORE  
THEN.

2. AS FOR VISITS BY LEBANESE LEADERS TO THE U.S., OUR  
VIEW HAS BEEN THAT THEIR NEED TO BE SEEN AS FOCUSING ON  
THEIR DOMESTIC CRISIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY MAKE EARLY VISITS  
ABROAD -- OTHER THAN TO NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES -- EITHER  
APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL. WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBLE BRIEF  
WORKING VISIT BY BOUTROS LATER IN YEAR, POSSIBLY IN CONNEC-  
TION WITH OPENING OF UNGA, BUT GIVEN PRESSURES ON SCHEDULES

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OF "HIGHEST LEVELS" IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD NOT AT THIS  
POINT WISH TO SUGGEST EVEN THIS POSSIBILITY TO BOUTROS.

3. WE DO INTEND, HOWEVER, TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO UNDER-  
LINE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL REGIME IN LEBANON THROUGH  
PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS AND THROUGH SUCH

GESTURES AS THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BEIRUT ON HIS RECENT  
TRIP TO THE AREA. WE WILL BE WATCHFUL FOR SUITABLE FUTURE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATEMENTS AND GESTURES, AND WOULD WEL-  
COME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

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